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### CAMPUS CLEANUP ACTIVITIES

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The Self-Study Steering Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 10, 1993, in Room 103 of the Morrison Industrial Training Center on the Fifteenth Street Campus. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and probably will last two hours.

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Mary Ann Pearson recently participated in the SACS Reaffirmation Committee visit to Pitt Community College in Greenville, North Carolina. Ms. Pearson said that she considered her experience "most productive and beneficial."

One notable thing she observed was how much attention the Visiting Committee paid to how the self-study handled the "should" statements in the Criteria. Based on this, Ms. Pearson thinks that we should pay more attention to the "shoulds" that perhaps we had planned to do.

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Debbie Grimes has been selected to serve on a SACS Reaffirmation Visiting Committee to Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Florida, February 1-4, 1993.

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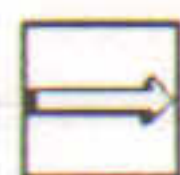
Lyda Black has replaced Ronnie Guy as co-chair of the Steering Committee. Ronnie remains as chair of the Committee on Section VI and a member of the Steering Committee

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Joyce Jolly, Mary Ann Pearson, Charles Payne, Arthur Howington, and Tom Umphrey attended the annual SACS convention which was held in Dallas, Texas, December 6-9.

Under the direction of Vice President Ted Spring, the College will launch a new maintenance program. The full particulars of this program are still under development and, thus, are not yet ready for publication.

Vice President Spring has asked, however, that all faculty, both full-time and part-time, begin to play a role in this new maintenance initiative by paying particular attention to three things:



1. When leaving classrooms and office areas, please make certain that the lights are turned off;



2. Before leaving your classroom at the conclusion of a class, please clean the chalkboard so that the colleague who follows you in that classroom does not have to do it; and



3. Whenever you are the last to leave an area of the College, e.g. an office, suite, or building, please ensure that appropriate security measures have been taken.

Thank you for your cooperation.

These are little things, but they can make a big difference. Some





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Campus Cleanup (cont.)

faculty already do these things routinely, but let's commit to making these actions standard operating procedure for us all.

There is more to come on the subject of maintenance at Shelton State. We think that you will be please with the plans that are being developed.

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ALDRIDGE ACKNOWLEDGED

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Bill Aldridge, instructor of business and economics, is acknowledged as a reviewer in the second editions of Macroeconomics and Microeconomics, two textbooks written by Michael Parkin.



Bill served as an accuracy reviewer on these volumes, both of which will be published in 1993.

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UNITED WAY SUCCESS

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According to a letter sent to the Skyland Campus by William H. MacMillan, Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Alabama, and Chair of the Education

Division of the United Way, the Skyland Campus was one of only four (4) units in the United Way Education Division to reach one hundred per cent (100%) of its United Way campaign goal.

Congratulations to the faculty and staff of the Skyland Campus on this achievement. Commendations and appreciation to Judy Austin who coordinated the Skyland Campus United Way effort. Good job, Judy!

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SENIOR STUDIES INFO

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A study of the enrollment through the Senior Adult Studies has



produced some interesting information.

During the 1992 Fall Semester 331 individuals 60 years of age or older enrolled for classes at Shelton State. With respect to gender and race, the Fall semester class of senior adults is predominantly white and female. 237 (72%) of the Seniors Adult students are female and 316 (95%) of them are white.

Seniors enrolled in seventy-two (72) different courses and in eighty-six (86) class sections. In these classes, Senior Adults generated 1,132 credit hours, thirty-two per cent (32%) of which were in classes on the Fifteenth Street Campus.

With respect to headcount, the top five most popular courses among Senior Adults were as follows:

1. Slimnastics
2. Personal Fitness
3. Autobiography
4. Directed Studies/Humanities
5. Fastening Surfaces (Cabinetmaking)

With respect to credit hour production, the top five courses among Senior Adults were as follows:

1. Basic Design & Layout (Cabinetmaking)
2. Autobiography
3. Directed Studies/Humanities
4. Basic Cabinetmaking Skills
5. Fastening Surfaces (Cabinetmaking)

As a part of our continuing institutional effectiveness efforts, Ric Dice and Dean Howington have been looking at this information with a view toward making improvements in the services and programs we offer to our Seniors.







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ASSET PAPER PRESENTED  
BY SHELTON STAFF

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At the National ASSET User's Conference held during November 10-13, 1992, Humphrey Lee, Jim Purcell, and Ronald Range made a presentation

entitled "ASSET Used As a Competency-Based Measure for all Entry-Level Courses."

The conference was held at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

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NEWS FROM POSTSECONDARY

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Robert J. Romine, former vice president of Independence (Kansas) Community College, has been named **Director of Instructional Resources** with the Department of Postsecondary Education.

Romine holds two master's degrees--one in sociology and one in history--and a bachelor's degree in American history and political science, all earned at Emporia State University in Kansas.

His career in community college education spans more than two decades and includes numerous teaching and administrative positions.

He has authored and coauthored several papers and reports on community colleges, several of which have been selected for inclusion in the ERIC collection for junior colleges.

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Dr. Lynn Cundiff, Executive Vice Chancellor, has been named as

president of **Floyd College** in Rome, Georgia. Dr. Cundiff's resignation from the Department of Postsecondary Education was effective November 13, 1992.

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MORE ON TRANSFERS  
TO TROY STATE

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The last issue of the Newsletter contained a report based on data provided for Shelton State students who transfer to Troy State University.

There were three SSCC students who attended Troy during 1990-91 and four who attended during 1991-92.

Because Troy State provided the names of individual students in its reports, it was possible to compare the GPA which these students earned at SSCC GPA with the GPA which they earned at Troy.

During both years, this comparison reveals a **drop** between the final average GPA earned at SSCC and the overall GPA earned at Troy State.

The three students in the 1990-1991 data earned an average GPA at **Shelton State** of **3.40**. Their average GPA at **Troy State** was **2.28**. The four students in the 1991-1992 data earned an average GPA at **Shelton State** of **3.05**. Their average GPA at **Troy State** was **2.63**.

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SHELTON STATE  
IN ACHE NEWSLETTER

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Shelton State's new interactive video disc computer-aided instruction laboratory was the subject of a front-page article in the November/December 1992 number of Happenings in Higher Education, a newsletter published by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.





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#### FROM THE LIBRARY

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The library on the Skyland Campus now has a powerful new reference tool: a **SIRS CD-ROM** information system. The system is on the cutting edge of computer technology and will allow the library to provide patrons with up-to-date information available on a wide range of subjects. The system is so comprehensive that it is useful for everyone from a professional researcher to a high school student.

The SIRS (Social Issues Resources Series) system consists of a computer and database stored on a read-only compact disc (CD-ROM) and puts over 5,000 newspaper and magazine articles and government documents published since 1989 at a patron's fingertips. This material comes from over 800 sources. The articles can be rapidly accessed by several search methods, including "keyword" searching.

A patron can choose to view the full text of the article and/or to print the text in paper form or onto a 3.5 diskette.

The SIRS data base is updated twice a year.

A CD-ROM database NY Times OnDisc, which is similar to SIRS and has been in use on a trial basis in the Skyland Campus library, will soon be moved to the library on Fifteenth Street. Then, the libraries at both campus locations will have at least one CD-ROM database with index and full-text printing.

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**OTHER NEWS:** The library automation bid has been submitted to vendors for their proposals. With luck, a system will be selected in January 1993.



Enforcing the guidelines on not eating and drinking in the classroom is going to make our college a much more attractive and pleasant place in which to work.

Success in this endeavor is going to take **teamwork**. All faculty, full-time and part-time, **need to pull together to make it happen**.

**LET'S DO IT!!**

#### TEAM APPOINTED TO STUDY STUDENT INFORMATION PROCESS

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Dr. Ted D. Spring, Vice President, has appointed a team to examine the process by which Shelton State collects and uses information about its students. **The goals of the team include the following:**

1. to reach a comprehensive understanding of how the Shelton State student information process (SSSIP) operates;
2. to describe the SSSIP clearly to all appropriate constituencies of the college;
3. to identify the internal and external customers of SSSIP;
4. to develop a clear understanding of how SSSIP process should operate so that each of those customers is satisfied; and
5. to develop a system by which SSSIP will be continuously monitored, maintained, and improved.

The members of the team are Gail Phillips, Humphrey Lee, Arthur Howington, Jim Purcell, Omar Beauchamp, Ann Capel, Loretta Jones, Dorothy Pickard, Tommy Taylor, and Frances Maulden.